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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner: Mehrdad Dastouri
Hodgson et al.) Group Art Unit: 2623
Serial No. 08/879,322)
Filed: June 20, 1997)
For: MEASUREMENT OF)
FRUIT PARTICLES)

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REPLY TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION FOLLOWING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: February 26, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the first Official Office Action, mailed November 27, 2001 following the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above captioned application as follows:

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In the Specification:

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On page 2, amend the second full paragraph to read as follows:

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A sample consisting of fruit particles or fruit particles in a matrix is spread evenly inside the sample tray 36 with a spatula or, if the sample is not very viscous, by gently shaking the tray with a circular motion. The sample size should be chosen so that a uniform thin layer covering the bottom of the sample tray 36 may be formed and so that it is possible to adjust the lights so that the fruit particles in the sample appear as darker areas against a lighter background. In order to fairly and accurately compare one